<center>**REMARKS**</center>

<u>SUMMARY</u>

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-17, 19, 20, and 22 were rejected by the Office Action. Various claims are amended herein. Claims 18 and 21 have been previously canceled without prejudice. No new matter is added by way of this amendment. Support for the various amendments may be found at least on page 13, line 26 to page 15, line 17 and elsewhere in the present specification.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating the allowable subject matter, stating that "if claims 1-17, 19-20, and 22 are amended to overcome the above stated rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101, the claims would be allowed over the prior art of record." (Page 3, item 3.)

<u>CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101</u>

Claims 1-17, 19, 20, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 "because the claimed process is not (1) tied to another statutory class (a particular machine or apparatus) or (2) transforms underlying subject matter (such as an article of materials) to a different state or thing." (Page 2, item 2.)

It is respectfully submitted herein that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 with respect to at least some of the previously presented claims are not proper. For example, claim 9 recites an "electronic circuit including a processor and memories"; claim 10 recites a "dedicated electronic circuit, including microcomponents"; claim 11 recites a "portable object adapted to be connected to a terminal to exchange data with that terminal, wherein the portable object includes an electronic circuit"; claim 12 recites a "terminal adapted to be connected to a portable object to exchange data with that portable object, wherein the terminal includes a data processing device"; claim 13 recites a "portable object adapted to be connected to a terminal to exchange data with that terminal, wherein the portable object includes an electronic circuit"; claim 14 recites a "Non-removable data storage means"; claim 15 recites a "Partially or totally removable storage means"; claim 16 recites a "data processing device comprising storage means"; claim 17 recites a "Non-removable, partially removable, or totally removable data storage means"; claim 19 recites a "data processing

device, wherein it comprises storage means"; and claim 20 recites a " data processing device including storage means". It is respectfully submitted that such recitations tie these claims to "a particular machine or apparatus." Accordingly, the nonstatutory subject matter rejections with respect to at least these claims should be withdrawn.

Without any admission that the nonstatutory subject matter rejection of independent claim 1 and its dependent claims is proper, claim 1 is amended herein as shown so as to make the recitations of claim 1 further compliant under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Various claims that depend on claim 1 are amended to make their language consistent with amended claim 1. In view of the recitations contained in the claims as presented herewith, applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of all claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17, and 20 are amended to clarify that certain recitations contained therein do not fall within the scope of 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph.

Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance in the present application.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below. If any fees are due in connection with filing this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt, P.C., No. 50-0393.

Respectfully submitted,
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